

## HORSE PAINTINGS NEWSLETTER

October 2010

## “Beautiful Horses of Indiana” - Lucky 8

My newest series, Beautiful Horses of Indiana, now has eight paintings completed! The colorful bunch includes Pintos, a Clydesdale, a Paint, a Friesian cross, Welsh Cob, Welsh Pony and more!

You can see all eight completed paintings and watch the series progress on the [Beautiful Horses of Indiana](#) web page as new paintings are added each week.

## World Equestrian Games Now Playing

The [World Equestrian Games](#) are on! I watched the team reining competition on NBC Sunday afternoon. What fun, although it was sort of strange seeing riders from Italy and Austria riding Western..... and doing great on their fabulous Quarter Horses! There will be more TV coverage on Sundays, Oct. 3 & 10.

This is the first time the WEGs are being held outside of Europe — they are in Lexington, KY. So much closer than Europe! Of course I've gotta go. A friend and I are going to watch the carriage marathon. I never thought I'd like carriage driving until I saw a competition in Ohio last summer. The marathon is so exciting. Horses and drivers weave through obstacles that are strategically spaced along a course — (sometimes at a canter!) then continue on for miles and miles — following twisting routes through more obstacles — some obstacles are in water! There is lots of splashing!

Here are some links to show you what the carriage marathon involves: [WEG at Jerez](#) and an [obstacle under construction for the KY course](#).

Are you going to the WEG? I've read that some of the competitions are sold out, so if you are planning to attend, get your tickets soon!

## Titian — My Famous Italian Relative?

Art history buffs might recognize the name of the famous Renaissance artist, Titian. I sure knew who he was when recently at a family reunion someone mentioned that we were related to him. How exciting — since I'm an artist! I know this won't thrill everyone, but if you're interested in reading more about my “connections” to Titian, check out my [September 20 blog](#) to find out what I discovered when I researched the Titian and his/my family.

After reading a couple books about Titian and looking at photos of some of his famous paintings, I incorporated an element that he often used into one of my paintings. This painting of Magic Marker has a modern take on the solid black backgrounds found in some of Titian's lifelike portraits. And some loose brush strokes that he innovatively used in his later works way back in the 1500s.

Featured Beautiful Horses of Indiana Painting: DC and Desmond



Karlene loves her Kripple K Klydes Clydesdales, but forced to choose one to nominate for the Beautiful Horses of Indiana project, she chose Plowridge Farms Desmond. Desmond, a 13 year old Chocolate bay gelding, has been part of Karlene's family since he was 6 months old. Karlene wrote, "I bought him out of the kill auction at Shippessee. I was too late to get his mother. He is a true 'gentle giant.' My son showed him in 4-H and now he is going to go back to 4-H with my granddaughter. We call him our space cadet, as every now and then he takes to listening to the little voice in his head and he will scare himself."

Her friend, Diane, nominated another of Karlene's herd -- DC, who is a little chestnut mini. Karlene sent DC's story: "He was a 22-hand high Belgium but his former owners washed him in hot water. He shrunk, so when we bought him we changed his name to Dry Clean Only [DC]." That story always make me smile!!!

I thought it would be interesting to paint the pair together, and Karlene and her family kindly had them pose for photos side by side as they grazed on the family's lawn.



## FUN LINK OF THE MONTH

## Hay As An Art Form

Being a fan of all forms of art, I do especially like funky art and large scale artwork too! This photo in the Aiken Standard of a lion and lamb made from hay bales caught my eye! [Check it out](#). The article mentioned a hay bale art competition in Vermont, and I found some photos:

[Vermont](#). What can you build out of hay bales?

See more Horse Paintings by Karen Brenner on her [website](#).

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